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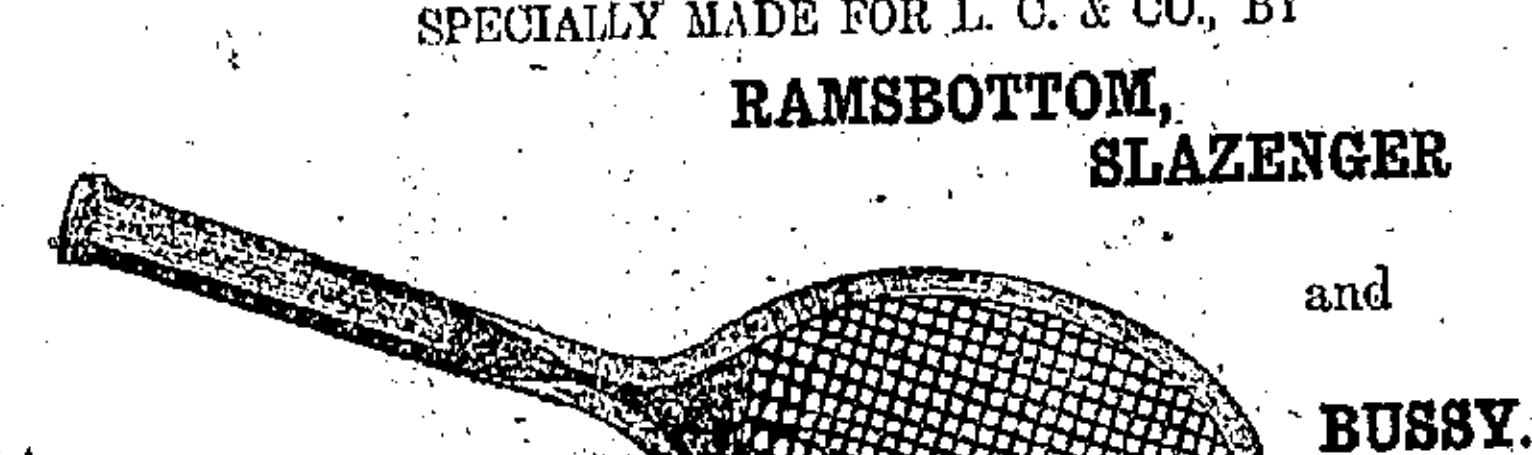
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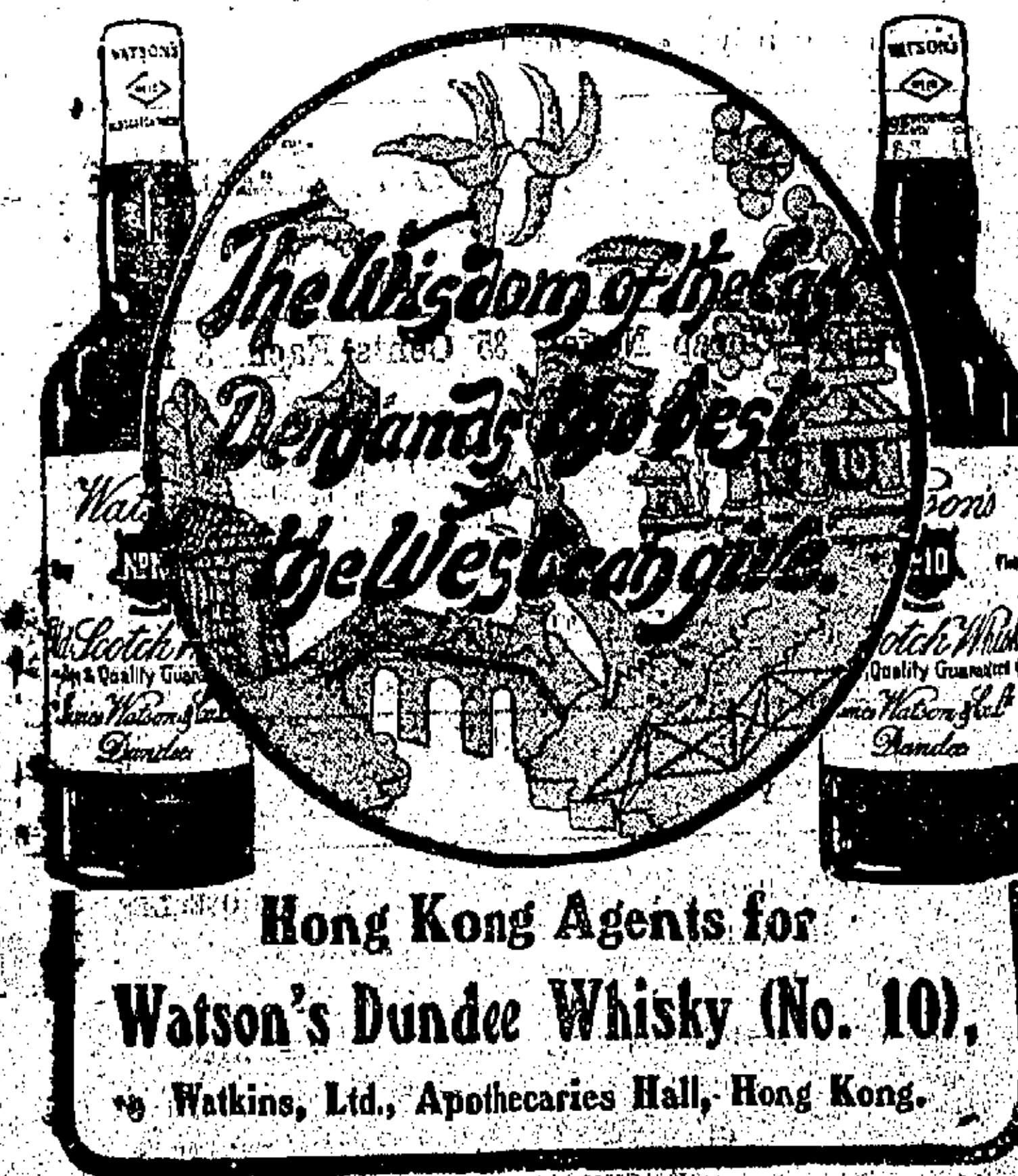
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THE AMENDING BILL.

MINUTE BY MR. LAU CHU PAK.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-
day a letter was read from the Government
forwarding copies of the Bill amending the
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance,
1903; also a copy of the Hansard report of
the speech made by His Excellency the
Governor on the Bill. With these the
Government also forwarded the following
minute by Mr. Lau Chu Pak:

The new bill, practically, resolves itself
into four parts, viz:—
(a) to alter the constitution of the San-
itary Board,
(b) to place the assistant medical officers
on the same footing as the medical
officer of Health,
(c) to take away from the Sanitary Board
certain powers as regards buildings
and drainage and confer them on the
Building Authority, who is the Director
of Public Works, and
(d) to give arbitrary power to the Build-
ing Authority.

I am afraid, when the bill in its present
form has been passed into law, it will
instead of improving the existing state of
affairs, tend to make matters worse, so far
as laudable property is concerned. What-
ever people may say, the welfare of the
Colony depends to a large extent, on the
value of its land. By piling restrictions
upon restrictions, while the value of the
land already built upon is going down,
the new building sites will not be looked
upon with a favourable eye by investors.

I am not in a position to say much of the
European property-owners, but, in the
case of the Chinese, I hear nothing but
complaints caused by the present measures,
which should be relaxed and not made
more stringent. The hardships and suffer-
ing inflicted on the property owners are
bound to reflect on their tenants and are,
consequently, bound to reflect on the
general welfare of the Colony. Personally,
I do not mind what the law will be, as I am
not much interested in landed property,
owning only a small share in some houses
within the European Reservation, which
are provided with more open space than
any law requires. In my case, it cannot
therefore, be said that I have my own axe
to grind.

Part (b) scarcely calls for any comments,
so I will confine my observations to parts
(a), (c) and (d).

When the Medical Officer of Health was
first appointed a member of the Sanitary
Board, all the unofficial members, with
the exception of one, who happened
to be absent from the Colony on leave,
strongly objected to his appointment, and,
in order to show their objection in the most
effective manner, they all resigned in a
body. Since I joined the same question has
cropped up again, and the majority of the
members agreed that the Medical Officer
of Health, who is merely an adviser to the
Board, should not be allowed to have a
seat on the Board. He might be and he
is allowed at present to attend the meetings
of the Board and fully explain his views,
when invited to do so. But in no case
should he be allowed to vote on his own re-
commendations. What I said at the time
I would repeat now. "I agree also that
the M. O. H. as the chief executive officer
of the Board should not have a seat on the
Board as in the whole Public Health Acts
of England the duties of the M. O. H. are,
I find, to carry out the orders of the local
authority or Board. It is absurd, therefore,
that the M. O. H. should vote at the meet-
ing of the Sanitary Board and take orders
from it at the same time." All these years,
what the Medical Officer of Health has
been doing is actually the work of an
engineer, a clerk and a sanitary inspector
combined.

I still maintain that
as the medical adviser to the Board,
or, in fact, to the Government,
it would be more in accordance with his
position and dignity, if he had confined his
attention to the study of infectious and
contagious diseases in the Colony, bacteri-
ological researches and such other work
as a medical man has been specially train-
ed for, and not devoted almost all his time
to superintending the Sanitary inspectors
visiting houses and conducting cor-
respondence and prosecutions. If he
had done his proper work, there would
have been no need for the Government in
other directions. In order to emphasize
my point, I strongly recommend that the
Government of Hongkong obtain, in detail,
from the Shanghai municipality the duties
of the Medical Officer of Health of that
port. A comparison of the duties per-
formed by the Shanghai and the Hongkong
Medical Officers of Health will bear out my
contention that the Medical Officer of
Health of Hongkong has never properly
performed the duties appertaining to such
a position.

In the old days, there was no Sanitary
Department working independently of the
Board, which was created when Ordinance,
No. 23 of 1903, was enacted. As
the Government firmly insists on having
a more direct control of the sanitary
affairs of the Colony and of the administra-
tion of the sanitary laws through a
head, and as the Board is after all
merely a semi-official organ, having not
the powers of a municipality, I think, un-
der the circumstances, the appointment of
a cadet as the Administrative Head of the
Sanitary Department is, probably, the best
arrangement that can be made. But, at
I do not think he should, at office, be the
President of the Sanitary Board. In the
first place, the cadet so appointed will,
in all probability, be a junior, and as a
junior, it is advisable to allow him to rule

his seniors on the Sanitary Board? In
the second place, I am decidedly against
the Head of the Sanitary Department
being given the power to decide what
questions should be laid before the Board.
All questions that are distinctly not of a
routine nature should be submitted to the
Board. If the Head of the Sanitary
Department is to decide, as at present,
what questions shall or shall not be sub-
mitted to the Board, things will continue
to run in the same rut as they have been
running during the last five years. My
opinion on this subject is that, if the
Government does not like to allow the
members of the Board to elect their own
chairman, one of the senior official members
should be appointed the president; the Re-
gistrar General being the most suitable man,
because the sanitary measures introduced
affect the Chinese inhabitants the most,
and in promoting things sanitary it is
desirable to enlist Chinese sympathy and
co-operation. It may be argued, however,
that by making the Registrar General the
president of the Board, more work will be
given to him than he has time to do. But
as a member of the Board he must see all
these questions which are submitted to the
Board, and, therefore, by making him the
president of the Board, he will only have
to add the same status as the other mem-
bers, since his position, plainly speaking,
is similar to that of a select committee
appointed by the Board to carry out its
decisions.

I now come to parts (c) and (d), which
can be more adequately and fully com-
mented upon by experts than by laymen.
But, however, in respect of one point, I
will state what my opinion of the bill is
impressed upon me. As it stands at
present, the bill curtails the privileges of
appeal enjoyed by the property owners.
Under the present ordinance, the
Governor-in-Council had the advantage of
the recommendations of the Sanitary Board,
when considering the advice of the Govern-
ment experts. The proposed ordinance
confers almost absolute power on the
Building Authority, in so much as the
owners of property will in future
have no other authority to appeal
against the decision of the Building
Authority, except the Governor-in-Council
and the Building Authority, who is no
other than the Director of Public Works,
is, I may say, the only expert adviser in
building matters on the Governor's Council.
In short, the Building Authority will,
practically, be the only judge of his own
action. I am, therefore, of the opinion
that applications for modifications of and
exemptions from the requirements of the
ordinance should be considered by the
Sanitary Board, and the Board's recom-
mendations forwarded to the Governor-in-
Council as at present. But I am, also, of
the opinion that, when an application is
considered in Council, the applicant or his
architect should be allowed to attend and
give any additional explanation that may
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this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, April 3:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr Geo. F. Lammert's
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Fancy Dress Ball, held by Scottish Ma-
sonic Association.

SATURDAY, April 4:—

9 p.m.—Grand Variety Concert in City
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MONDAY, April 6:—

Goods per Armande & Co. underdelivered after
this date at Noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, April 7:—

5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's
Cathedral.

THURSDAY, April 9:—

Transfer Books of Union Insurance So-
ciety of Canton, Ltd., close from this
date to 23rd April, inclusive.

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surance Co., Ltd., close from this date to
23rd April, inclusive.

MONDAY, April 13:—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

NOTICE.

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ed to THE MANAGER.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1908.

THE POSTAL AGENCIES.

WITH Mr Winston Churchill it has
frequently been our duty to disagree.

As Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies he more than once forced his
chief, Lord Elgin, into a position
which drew upon him the displeasure
of those who wished to see our
Colonies self-governing in fact as well
as in name. This was no doubt due
to the zeal—we will not say of the
conscience—of the man who, for reasons
of his own has changed his beliefs.

While we have deprecated Mr
Churchill's activities in this direction,
believing them to be counter to the
interests of the Empire of which we
form part, his actions and statements
have not affected us directly. His
most recent utterance, however, as
communicated by Reuters, dealt directly
with Hongkong and consequently calls
for notice. Mr Churchill says that
Hongkong has for many years carried
on the postal agencies in China at a
profit in which the Imperial
Government has not participated.

We do not suggest for a moment
that Mr Churchill in making this
statement was wittingly stating to be
true something that he knew
to be contrary to fact. On the other
hand we attribute to ignorance of
matters of which he is supposed to
have some knowledge his endeavour to
mislead the House of Commons. Mr
Churchill states that the Imperial Gov-
ernment has not participated in the
profits which Hongkong has made
from postal agencies. To us this ac-
cusation, even supposing it were true,
seems particularly ungracious. Hong-
kong is a Colony administered by
Imperial officials whose interest is in
the Empire, not in Hongkong. There
is no popular body elected by the
franchise of the residents which decides
what portion of the Colonial revenue
shall be devoted to local purposes and
what portion shall be set aside to meet
Imperial obligations. We are not

saying that their duty to the Empire
tends to obscure the duty of local
officials to the Colony. On the con-
trary though we, necessarily, often
find ourselves in political opposition to
the officials we do them the justice to
say that, according to their lights, they
do the best that in them lies for
Hongkong. But this does not alter the
fact that the people of Hongkong have
no voice in the disposition of the re-
venue of the Colony and that conse-
quently Mr Churchill's sneer fails in
its effect—to those who know. We
prefer to look at the question of postal
agencies from a different standpoint to
that adopted by Mr Winston Churchill.
The safe and speedy conveyance of
mails is a big factor in building up and
preserving trade. In the present state
of affairs in China it is absolutely neces-
sary that this important service should
be undertaken by foreigners themselves.

It is evident that Mr Winston Churchill
does not realise that this service is truly
Imperial, or if he does realise it, that
evil communications have so corrupted
his good manners that he is content
to leave a false impression on the mind
of the House of Commons. Possibly
even Mr Churchill would pause before
asking Hongkong to bear the entire cost
of sounding the China Sea. Yet ob-
viously such a demand would be every
whit as equitable as that Hongkong
should discharge the bill for the postal
services. The benefit from the postal
agencies is not confined to Hongkong;
it is not even chiefly enjoyed by Hong-
kong—why then should we bear the
burden? We must set Mr Churchill
right on one point. He declared that
the Imperial Government did not share
in the profit arising from the postal
agencies. If Mr Churchill is not aware
that we pay a military contribution he
should be. By means of that contribu-
tion the Home Government secures a
large percentage of our income from
whatever source arising. This is not
the first time that Mr Churchill has been
shown to have been guilty of "termino-
logical inexactitudes," an expression
which we understand he, with remark-
able foresight, invented.

An interesting minute will be found
on page 2 by Mr Lau Chu Pak on the Bill
to amend the Public Health and
Buildings Ordinance. Mr Lau makes
one or two excellent points, and rather
corners the Government in his statement
that during the sitting of the Commission
the Governor (Sir Matthew Nathan) was
frequently approached on certain points,
yet they were not told that they were
exceeding their powers.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Baroness von Hutten and Mrs Breuer
are guests at Government House at present.

Mr and Mrs Frank Grove return to Can-
ton to-night. They arrived yesterday, and
have been guests at Government House.

Andrew Carnegie gave \$1,631,630, gold,
for public and college libraries last year,
according to figures just compiled. This
brought his total gifts for libraries in all
countries up to \$49,005,022.

A Civil Service pension of 120 guineas
has been granted to Dr Hall Edwards, of
Birmingham, who has lost one arm and is
in danger of losing the other through con-
stantly conducting Roentgen rays opera-
tions.

By the French mail to-day Miss Man-
sfield, daughter of the British Consul-
General at Canton left for England. Since
Sunday last Consul-General and Miss Man-
sfield have been guests at Government
House. Mr Mansfield leaves for Canton
to-night.

Tootsi Yang, who is on his way to
Europe to attend the Telegraph Conference,
passed through Hongkong on board the
French Mail steamer which left here to-
day. He was entertained by a few
friends at Shak Tong Tsui last night. He
was accompanied by Messrs Liang (two of
the sons of Liang Tung Yuan of the Wei-
wupu).

The interest of Mr James Orange having
ceased in the firm of Messrs Leigh and
Orange, Mr A. E. Griffin has joined the
firm and under the title of "Leigh and
Orange," the business will in future be
carried on by Messrs A. H. Ough, A.
Bryer, and A. E. Griffin. Mr Griffin has
for some time been connected with the
Quarry Bay Dock Yard construction work,
of late being in charge, and otherwise has
had considerable experience as a civil en-
gineer. Of Messrs Ough and Bryer it is
well known locally. Citizens will wish the
reorganized firm success and prosperity.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A battleship will be launched from
Yokosuka naval yard in spring next year.

Mr Harry Thaw received hundred
letters of congratulation upon being
nounced a lunatic.

The suggestion (nationalized) of
business was rejected by the com-
missioners in the Japanese House
Representatives on the 10th.

An order has been issued in Se-
protecting the circulation of Russian ci-
rency in Hongkong Province, which
is adjacent to the Russian frontier.

There were 429 European and 172
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library
and 132 European and 3,034 Chinese
visitors to the Museum during the week
ended the 20th March.

A crisis has arisen in the Singapore
pineapple industry. The canners demand
easier hours and more pay. The employ-
ment men go to the canning, but the
men, so to speak, reply "No can."

The vernacular papers at Canton have
formed themselves into a Press association
with an office at Sup Pat Po, where the
editing members of the various papers
meet from time to time.

It is reported that the Peking Govern-
ment proposes to raise a sum of Tls.
10,000,000, in the third moon (April) for
the reorganization of the navy. In future
an annual appropriation of Tls. 40,000
will be provided for.

The total output of the Chinese En-
gineering and Mining Company's three
mines for the week ending 14th March,
1908, amounted to 28,047.43 tons and the
sales during the period to 25,293.45 tons.

If a country is going ahead its criminal
statistics reflect the fact. In the circum-
stances congratulations are due to Siam.
The total number of persons convicted
during 1907 was 13,449 as compared with
15,382 in the previous year.

The funeral of Mr Hobbs takes place
this evening. Mr Hobbs, who was em-
ployed temporarily by Messrs Butterfield
and Swire, as a clerk in the Quarry
Bay Dockyard Construction Work, leaves
a widow and three children.

Instructions have been issued by
Viceroy Yang Shih-shiang that hereaf-
ter Peking, Hongkong and Mexican
dollars are to be freely circulated in Chihli
without distinction at a uniform exchange
rate of 110 cents each.

Thirteen discontented men deserted
from the barracks of the 62nd Infantry
Regiment at Tientsin, near Osaka, on
the night of the 18th, in the same way as
the recent deserters in Tokyo. All the
men were arrested the following afternoon.

Marin Gardner, described as a servant
girl, having died of smallpox at 8 Lidger
Street, an American named A. G. Gan, her
master, was summoned for not reporting
the fact. He declared that he was away
at Canton at the time, but all the same was
fined \$15 at the Magistracy to-day.

Foreign Clubs seem to be objects of
great suspicion to the Japanese. Tobacco
Monopoly officials. A raid was made some
months back on the Yokohama United
Club and now investigations are being
made in reference to alleged smuggling by
the boys employed at the Kobe Club.

A shell, alleged to have been landed
from the wrecked Dakota, exploded in a
factory at Sana-mura in the suburbs of
Tokyo on the afternoon of the 18th, when
its metal was to be melted for casting
purposes. The factory was badly damaged
and ten men were severely injured. The
condition of three of the injured is critical.

Thus the "San Francisco Chronicle":
Unless press correspondents in the East
regularly, persistently and abominably lie
about Japan, that country is showing
toward China a hateful and domineering
spirit which indicates, on the part of
Japan, a desire and intent to make war on
China.

Cremation has grown in favour among
Occidentals of late years but it evidently
has its drawbacks. The "Bangkok Times"
of March 17 reports: "On Sunday night
there was a cremation at Wat Yai, Bang
Sakdi, on the west side of the river, and
two of the monks' dwellings were burned
down, owing to rockets falling on the roof."
There is a certain pleasing originality in
combining a fireworks display with a
funeral.

The news that comes from abroad
about China is sometimes amazing. This
we note in a contemporary that bankruptcy
is virtually unknown in China and that
"there are no bank failures. It is a very
antiquated system. If a banker fails and
neglects to commit suicide the government
promptly chops off his head. In aggravated
cases his entire family is held respon-
sible and their property confiscated and if
deemed necessary its members sold in
slavery to meet the obligations of the
defunct banker." We have an impres-
sion that bankruptcy is extremely well
known in China and that there are often
bank failures. Also we are of opinion that
some Chinese bankers who have failed have
not committed suicide nor have they been
executed.

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Sailing Dates, 1908.

KOREA, 18,000 Tons, FRIDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU, 18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.

SIBERIA, 18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.

CHINA, 18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.

MANOHU, 18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 2nd May, at Noon.

NIPPON MARU, 18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 9th May, at Noon.

MONGOLIA, 18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 16th May, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU, 18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 23rd May, at Noon.

Twin Screws.

Yokohama to San Francisco, 18,000 tons, September 16-27th 1908.

San Francisco to Honolulu, 18,000 tons, August 16th-20th, 1908.

San Francisco to Yokohama, 18,000 tons, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu on route, August 16th-21st, 1908, 19 days, 18 hours.

Yokohama to San Francisco, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1908, 10 days, 10 hours and 29 minutes.

TIRE P. M. Steamship Korea will be despatched from Hongkong to San Francisco, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (INLAND SEA), KOBE, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

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YUNNAN 1st April, at 4 p.m.

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NINGPO & SHANGHAI 2nd April, at 4 p.m.

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MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN 4th April, at 4 p.m.

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MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE

IT is hereby notified that a MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE, at 2.15 p.m., on MONDAY, the 31st April, 1908, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor License Ordinance, 1895 (Ordinance No. 8 of 1895):

1. To transfer from one THOMAS BENARD MAQUET to CHARLES BENARD MAQUET the publican's license to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on premises numbered 2, Pak Shui Wan, Shaukwan Road, under the sign of "The Green View Hotel."

2. From one KAZUO YAMAGUCHI for an adjacent license to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on premises numbered 36 and 37, Cornwright Road, Central, under the sign of "Star Food Row."

F. A. HAZELAND,
Police Magistrate.

Hongkong, March 31, 1908. 509

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WITHER Side of the DOUGLAS WHARF. Terms on application to DOUGLAS LAHRAK, General Manager.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship HAITAN.

Captain J. S. ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 3rd April, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAHRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 31, 1908. 509

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship Namsan, having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from Calcutta.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 2nd April, will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

No fire insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

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EXCHANGE

Hongkong, March 31, 1908.

On Bank, 1/10 1/2

On demand, 1/10 1/2

On 30 days sight, 1/10 1/2

On 4 months sight, 1/10 1/2

On 6 months sight, 1/10 1/2

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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS

March 30.

Tuenyung, British steamer, 1,123, P. H. Rolfe, Manila March 27, Sugar and Hemp. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Tuenyung, British steamer, 2,591, P. M. B. Loh, Calcutta and Swatow March 29, General. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Chi Yuen, Chinese steamer, 1,173, O. H. Stewart, Shanghai March 27, General. O. H. S. N. Co.

Wakamatsu, Japanese steamer, 1,123, M. Kawanishi, Moji March 29, Coal. M. K. Kawanishi.

Tungus, Norwegian steamer, 1,030, K. K. Porter, Foul. 27, and Nagsack March 23, Timber. DODD & Co., Ltd.

Proctus, Norwegian steamer, 1,024, Carl Moller, Bangkok March 23, Rice. AARLAND, THOMPSON & Co.

Stam, British steamer, 883, Binus, from Singapore, Kerosine (K). 430, McBurnie.

Italian, French steamer, 377, L. Anderson, Hollow Mar. 29, General. A. R. MAZUR.

March 31.

Zahro, British steamer, 1,419, R. Rodger, Manila March 29, Hemp, Sugar, and Oil. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Montague, British steamer, 3,959, W. Davidson, Vancouver March 29, and Singapore March 31, O. P. R. Co.

Wakamatsu, Japanese steamer, 1,123, M. Kawanishi, Moji March 29, Coal. M. K. Kawanishi.

General. N. Y. K.

DEPARTURES

March 31.

Polynesia, for Europe, &c.

Myndra, for Hongkong.

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STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL

(SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY)

March 30.

Palawan, British steamer, 1,123, P. H. Rolfe, Manila March 27, Sugar and Hemp. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Tuenyung, British steamer, 2,591, P. M. B. Loh, Calcutta and Swatow March 29, General. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Chi Yuen, Chinese steamer, 1,173, O. H. Stewart, Shanghai March 27, General. O. H. S. N. Co.

Wakamatsu, Japanese steamer, 1,123, M. Kawanishi, Moji March 29, Coal. M. K. Kawanishi.

Tungus, Norwegian steamer, 1,030, K. K. Porter, Foul. 27, and Nagsack March 23, Timber. DODD & Co., Ltd.

Proctus, Norwegian steamer, 1,024, Carl Moller, Bangkok March 23, Rice. AARLAND, THOMPSON & Co.

Stam, British steamer, 883, Binus, from Singapore, Kerosine (K). 430, McBurnie.

Italian, French steamer, 377, L. Anderson, Hollow Mar. 29, General. A. R. MAZUR.

March 31.

Zahro, British steamer, 1,419, R. Rodger, Manila March 29, Hemp, Sugar, and Oil. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Montague, British steamer, 3,959, W. Davidson, Vancouver March 29, and Singapore March 31, O. P. R. Co.

Wakamatsu, Japanese steamer, 1,123, M. Kawanishi, Moji March 29, Coal. M. K. Kawanishi.

General. N. Y. K.

DEPARTURES

March 31.

Polynesia, for Europe, &c.

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